

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Procter called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Pastor Ron Dybvig offered the invocation, and Councilmember Luna led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Richard C. Cook, Councilmember Ray C. Luna, Councilmember Mary Ann Krause, Vice Mayor Gabino Aguirre, and Mayor John T. Procter responded to roll call. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, Assistant City Attorney Bradley Wohlenberg, City Clerk Steven J. Salas, and Deputy City Clerk Josephine G. Herrera were also present.

### **PRESENTATION**

#### A. Update on Community Visioning Process

Rodney Fernandez, representing the Santa Paula Community Visioning Committee, provided an update on the Community Visioning process, and distributed a flyer with the schedule of events.

#### B. Fire Department Centennial Observance

Fire Chief Paul L. Skeels spoke regarding the Fire Department's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, which would be observed on Saturday, December 6, 2003, at 6:00 p.m., at the clock tower on the corner of Main and Davis Streets.

#### C. Presentation by Mayor Procter

Mayor Procter presented Vice Mayor Aguirre, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember Krause, Councilmember Luna, Deputy City Clerk Josie G. Herrera, and City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz with "Golden Gavel Award" proclamations in recognition for their support during his term as Mayor.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Flo Zakrajshek, 1000 Cadway, spoke regarding a phone call she received from Connie de la Rosa from Lutheran Social Services, offering to serve Christmas dinner to the homeless at Veteran's Memorial Park. She also commented on the progress the City has made the past year, and commended City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz for a job well done.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. Review Procedure for Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor

City Clerk Steven J. Salas presented City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated November 24, 2003.

B. Selection Process for the Mayor of the City of Santa Paula

City Clerk Steven J. Salas opened the nominations for Mayor.

It was moved by Councilmember Luna to nominate Dr. Gabino Aguirre as Mayor.

It was moved by Councilmember Krause, seconded by Councilmember Luna, to close the nominations. There was no opposition, and the motion carried.

Under roll call vote to nominate Dr. Gabino Aguirre as Mayor, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Mayor Aguirre took his seat at the dais.

C. Selection Process for the Vice Mayor

Mayor Aguirre opened the nominations for the Vice Mayor.

It was moved by Councilmember Cook to nominate Mary Ann Krause as Vice Mayor.

It was moved by Councilmember Procter, seconded by Councilmember Luna, to close the nominations. There was no opposition and the motion carried.

Under roll call vote to nominate Mary Ann Krause as Vice Mayor, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Mayor Aguirre provided his comments in English and Spanish, and thanked his family, the City Council, City staff, and the residents of Santa Paula for the opportunity to serve as Mayor. He also spoke regarding his goals for the coming year.

**RECESS TO A BREAK**

Mayor Aguirre recessed the City Council to a break at 7:10 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Aguirre reconvened the City Council at 7:25 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Procter thanked everyone for a great year.

**APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz asked that Item 10 F be removed from the agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Vice Mayor Krause, to waive the reading of Ordinances and Resolutions appearing on the Consent Calendar; to waive the reading of all other Resolutions appearing on the Agenda; to read all other Ordinances appearing on the Agenda, in title only; and to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended. There was no opposition. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

- A. Waiver of Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions – Approved waiver of the reading of Ordinances and Resolutions appearing on the Consent Calendar; waiver of the reading of all other Resolutions appearing on the Agenda; and reading all other Ordinances appearing on the Agenda, in title only.
- B. Minutes – Adopted the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 3, 2003.
- C. Adopt Ordinance No. 1082 (Second Reading) Public Employees' Retirement System Contract Amendment – Adopted Ordinance No. 1082 (Second Reading). **ORDINANCE NO. 1082**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PEERS). Assistant to the City Manager Melissa Grisales' report dated October 22, 2003.
- D. Adopt Ordinance No. 1085 Updating General Penalties – Adopted **ORDINANCE NO 1085**, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 10.99 AND 11.01 TO 11.08, AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 13 TO TITLE 1 OF THE SANTA PAULA MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING GENERAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE SANTA PAULA MUNICIPAL CODE; PROCEDURES FOR ISSUING CITATIONS; AND AUTHORIZING PROSECUTIONS. Deputy City Clerk Josie G. Herrera's report dated November 19, 2003.
- E. Adopt Ordinance No. 1081, Cable System Franchise Renewal – Adopted **ORDINANCE NO. 1081**, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF A CABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FRANCHISE TO CENTURY-TCI CALIFORNIA

L.P. DOING BUSINESS AS ADELPHIA CABLE COMMUNICATIONS.  
Community Services Director Brian J. Yanez's report dated November 19, 2003.

- F. Murray-Hayden Urban Parks and Youth Service Program Grant – This item was removed from the agenda.
- G. Monthly Report of Transactions – Reviewed and filed the attached monthly transactions report. City Treasurer Sandra K. Easley's report dated November 21, 2003.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. Status Report: Options for Police and Fire Service Delivery

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated November 26, 2003 and Power Point Presentation.

Paul Spencer, 975 W. Telegraph Road, expressed his concern with conducting a feasibility study of providing police services, and with the quality of service provided by the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

Leonard Somdahl, 720 Yale Street, expressed his concern with conducting a feasibility study of providing police services.

Scottie Chavez, 125 E. Harvard Boulevard, expressed his concern with conducting a feasibility study of providing police services.

Ismael Cordero, President of the Santa Paula Police Officers Association, expressed his concern with the level of staffing, compensation, increased calls for service, and hiring practices for the Police Department. He further addressed the quality of service provided by the Santa Paula Police Department.

Robert S. Gonzales, Santa Paula Police Chief, spoke in support of the recommendation to receive and file the status report on options for Police service delivery, and asked that the feasibility study be tabled until the Police Management Audit is completed.

### **RECESS TO A BREAK**

Mayor Aguirre recessed the City Council to a break at 8:24 p.m.

### **RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Aguirre reconvened the City Council at 8:38 p.m.

Kevin Fildes, 752 Ernest Drive, expressed his concern with the comparison between the Ventura County Fire Protection District and the Santa Paula Fire Department's fire stations and administrative support outlined in the staff report. He also spoke regarding the failed utility tax measure, which failed because the voters questioned why the City was not considering contracting with the Ventura County Fire Protection District. He encouraged the City Council to continue negotiations with the Ventura County Fire Protection District to provide the City with a Plan of Service for the cost to provide engine companies, personnel, and paramedics.

Chris Mahon, President of the Ventura County Professional Firefighters Association, addressed the cost for providing fire protection services for the City. He questioned what it would cost incrementally for the Ventura County Fire Protection District to add one or two additional stations to provide service for the City, and suggested that they explore relocating one or more engine companies that border the City. He requested that the City Council separate fire protection from the question of providing law enforcement, and direct staff to go forward with developing a study to determine the actual costs for a consolidation effort. He responded to a question regarding whether he had discussed with the Ventura County Fire Protection District regarding whether they would be interested in moving their fire stations into the City by stating that the District has never contracted or annexed with a municipality; however, fire stations have been relocated in order to provide better service.

Paul L. Skeels, Santa Paula Fire Chief, stated that the City needs to address future needs, staff Fire Station No. 2, and pay competitive wages. He noted that the City has access to equipment through mutual aid with the Ventura County Fire Protection District. He also expressed his concern with the idea of closing a County fire station in order to staff Fire Station No. 2.

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz responded to a question regarding full-time staffing for Fire Station No. 2 by stating that the station would be staffed with full-time and paid-call personnel in 2005.

The City Council discussed concerns with General Fund revenue which funds Police and Fire, conducting a feasibility study in order to provide information to the voters to support a ballot measure, and the fact that the County receives \$50 million from Proposition 172 funds, of which the City only receives \$150,000.

It was moved by Councilmember Procter, seconded by Vice Mayor Krause, to continue the fire service delivery issue and ask the City Manager to further contact Ventura County Fire Chief Roper. There was no opposition, and the motion carried.

The City Council discussed the possible loss of local control for police service delivery by contracting with the Sheriff's Department, and waiting for the results from the Police Management Audit before moving forward with the feasibility study.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Krause to 1) receive and file this status report on options for Police and Fire service delivery; 2) direct the City Manager to request the Ventura County Sheriff to conduct a feasibility study of providing police services in Santa Paula for a cost not to exceed \$22,500; and 3) allocate \$22,500 from the City's Operating Reserve Account for feasibility study. There was no second to the motion.

It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Councilmember Procter, to receive and file this status report on options for Police and Fire service delivery, and do no further action until the results from the Police Management Audit is received. Councilmember Cook, Councilmember Luna, and Councilmember Procter were in favor. Vice Mayor Krause and Mayor Aguirre were opposed. The motion carried.

### **CITY COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Cook stated that he enjoyed the past year and that outgoing Mayor Procter brought a different view to the City Council. He noted that the City Council did much work the past year and worked well together. Lastly, he stated that he looks forward to next year.

Mayor Aguirre stated that he admired outgoing Mayor Procter's wit and candor.

Vice Mayor Krause expressed her appreciation to outgoing Mayor Procter's intelligence and humor.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was moved by Councilmember Luna, seconded by Councilmember Procter, for a report on the worst arterial and residential streets in Santa Paula and how to keep large trucks off of them. There was no opposition, and the motion carried.

It was moved by Mayor Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Krause, to review the status of the mobile home relocation ordinance. There was no opposition, and the motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Steven J. Salas  
City Clerk